

Brown (OH)	Inouye	Nelson (FL)
Brownback	Isakson	Pryor
Burris	Johnson	Reed
Cantwell	Kaufman	Reid
Cardin	Kerry	Roberts
Carper	Klobuchar	Rockefeller
Casey	Kohl	Sanders
Chambliss	Kyl	Schumer
Cochran	Landrieu	Shaheen
Collins	Leahy	Shelby
Conrad	LeMieux	Snowe
Dodd	Levin	Specter
Dorgan	Lieberman	Stabenow
Durbin	Lincoln	Tester
Feingold	Lugar	Udall (CO)
Feinstein	McCain	Udall (NM)
Franken	McCaskill	Vitter
Gillibrand	Menendez	Voinovich
Graham	Merkley	Warner
Grassley	Mikulski	Webb
Hagan	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Harkin	Murray	Wicker
Inhofe	Nelson (NE)	Wyden

## NAYS—19

Alexander	Cornyn	Johanns
Barrasso	Crapo	McConnell
Bennett	DeMint	Risch
Bunning	Ensign	Sessions
Burr	Enzi	Thune
Coburn	Gregg	
Corker	Hatch	

## NOT VOTING—3

Byrd	Hutchison	Lautenberg
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The bill (H.R. 4691) was passed.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### TAX EXTENDERS ACT OF 2009— Resumed

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4213) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Baucus amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute.

Sessions amendment No. 3337 (to amend amendment No. 3336), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps.

Thune amendment No. 3338 (to amend amendment No. 3336), to create additional tax relief for businesses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

AMENDMENT NO. 3335 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3336

Ms. LANDRIEU. Madam President, I know we have returned to H.R. 4213. It is my intention to call up amendment No. 3335, sponsored by myself, Senator COCHRAN, Senator WICKER, and Senator VITTER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the pending amendment is set aside.

The clerk will report the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. COCHRAN, proposes an amendment numbered 3335 to amendment No. 3336.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the low-income housing credit rules for buildings in GO Zones)

After section 185, insert the following:

#### SEC. 186. EXTENSION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING CREDIT RULES FOR BUILDINGS IN GO ZONES.

Section 1400N(c)(5) is amended by striking “January 1, 2011” and inserting “January 1, 2013”.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Madam President, I spoke at length about this amendment today, so it is not necessary for me to go into a great deal of detail. I offer it on behalf of several Senators from the gulf coast in order to help extend the placed-in-service state for several low-income housing units along the gulf coast. We are not asking for additional authority, we are not asking for new tax credits but just to allow us the tax credits that have already been allocated.

Without the State extension, we will lose literally thousands of affordable housing dwellings and approximately 13,000 jobs. Since we are focused on jobs and focused on economic growth and development, we thought this would be an appropriate amendment to this bill.

I have called up the amendment, and I will allow the leadership to decide when the appropriate time to vote on this amendment will be.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

Mr. BYRD. Madam President, this week, March 1 through March 7, is National Peace Corps Week. It marks the 49th anniversary of this unique and important government agency.

When proposing the creation of the Peace Corps to Congress, President John F. Kennedy declared that, “Our own freedom, and the future of freedom around the world, depends, in a very real sense, on the ability to build growing and independent nations where men can live in dignity, liberated from the bonds of hunger, ignorance, and poverty.”

For 49 years, nearly 200,000 dedicated Americans have served in 139 countries around the world helping developing nations with health and sanitation projects, assisting them in increasing their agricultural production, and educating their young. In pursuit of the Peace Corps goal of helping people help

themselves, Peace Corps volunteers have served as school teachers, economic development advisers, agricultural and environmental specialists, and in various capacities as skilled laborers. Today, Peace Corps volunteers are working in countries around the world in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and business development.

In fulfilling the mission that President Kennedy established for it on March 1, 1961, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of the American commitment to freedom through the encouragement of the social and economic progress of all nations. It is truly one of the most successful and influential programs in the history of our Nation.

Madam President, I use this opportunity, the 49th anniversary of the Peace Corps, to congratulate and to thank everyone ever involved in this program that provides such an important service to our country, as well as other nations, and to our fellow man.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO VERMONT OLYMPIANS

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, on a happier note, I see the distinguished Senator from Vermont, Senator SANDERS, on the floor today. I want to congratulate the Vermonters who represented our country at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

The Olympics themselves were exciting. I know Marcelle and I watched hours and hours of them. But we watched especially, obviously, when we saw some of these young Vermonters.

These athletes carry on a long tradition of Vermonters participating in the Winter Olympics. Hundreds of Vermonters have competed in the 21 Winter Olympiads, and it is no secret that Vermont produces great winter sports athletes, thanks to our northern climate, beautiful rugged terrain, and also a healthy sports industry.

After all, the first ski lift in the United States was a rope tow built in the town of Woodstock. I remember what a thrill it was when then-President Gerald Ford told me that the first ski lift he was on was on that ski lift in Woodstock. It is a nice memory of a wonderful person, President Gerald Ford.

Thanks to Jake Burton Carpenter and his wife Donna, Vermont is the cradle of snowboarding and it is now a central Olympic event. The Carpenters have worked so hard to make this a real sport, and they have. Our schools in ski areas have hosted dozens of international snowboarding, Alpine, and Nordic ski competitions.

Many Vermonters have won medals at the Winter Olympics over the years.

These champions include alpine skier Andrea Meade Lawrence from Rutland who was the first American to win two gold medals in 1952, Brattleboro's Bill Koch who was the first American nordic skier to medal in 1976, and alpine